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NEWS RELEASE**



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**Kuskokwim Bay/Etolin Strait Herring Fishery News Release 2
Security Cove District to Close at 6:00 PM May 30, 2012
Emergency Order 1**

This is the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Bethel with an announcement regarding the Security Cove District herring fishery.

The Security Cove District will close to commercial herring fishing at 6:00 PM this evening, Wednesday, May 30, 2012.

The Security Cove District opened to commercial herring fishing on Wednesday, May 23, 2012. One company participated in the fishery; however, due to a mix of roe quality with a high percentage of spawned-out herring, there was no harvest. Fishermen left the grounds on May 25.

Department staff flew an aerial survey of the District on May 25. Survey conditions were very poor. A total biomass estimate of 1,900 tons was observed. There was no spawn observed.

This has been the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Bethel.

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